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**Dear Parent/Guardian,**

¡Bienvenido! Welcome to Spanish! Learning another language can be a very exciting but challenging experience. Region 5 Education via distance learning offers three levels of Spanish, preparing the student for advanced Spanish. We are keeping in line with statewide demands on foreign language instruction by providing a variety of experiences and situations to enable a student to speak, understand, read, and write the language, with a strong emphasis on oral proficiency and culture.

I want all of my students to be successful. Therefore, I require that each student compile and maintain a binder containing concise, thematic Spanish units that can be carried home daily and studied ALOUD for a short period of time. Studying aloud, repeating with correct pronunciation, and practicing with a partner will guarantee success. Please join me in encouraging your child to perform to the best of his or her ability. My expectations are high and if we all work together with a positive attitude, we can make this a super year. Furthermore, the students will gain linguistic skills that will prove to be extremely beneficial to them in the future.

I have attached the following: classroom procedures, list of materials needed, letter to parents and students informing them of the distance learning classroom, DL student policy form, and a student waiver form. All were discussed with students during class today. I need you to review these with your son/daughter, and to also fill out the form on the last page. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Please feel free to also visit my Wikispace page at <https://freemandspanish.wikispaces.com/> (a web page that tells you who Mrs. Freeman is and has helpful information for Spanish students and parents.

Sincerely,

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